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Central Idea:

The term is applied to Christians in general, not to the Twelve only. It emphasizes the importance of Jesus Christ's followers learning from Christ as their teacher.

Objectives:

- Disciples learn from their master
- Disciples in the NT
- How disciples are called
- How disciples learn

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Sermon Outline

I. Disciples learn from their master

Luke 6:40 (NIV) — 40 The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

II. Disciples in the NT

A. The disciples as the apostles

Matthew 10:1–2 (NIV) — 1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. **2** These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

The disciples as believers in general

Matthew 28:19 (NIV) — 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

III. How disciples are called

A. It sometimes implies physically following Jesus Christ and leaving everything

Matthew 4:19 (NIV) — 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

B. Calling in a more general spiritual sense

Luke 9:23 (NIV) — 23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

IV. How disciples learn

A. By recalling the words of Jesus Christ

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Luke 11:1–4 (NIV) — 1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” **2** He said to them, “When you pray, say: “ ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. **3** Give us each day our daily bread. **4** Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

B. By understanding the Scriptures

John 1:45 (NIV) — 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

C. By understanding the parables

Mark 4:11–12 (NIV) — 11 He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables **12** so that, “ ‘they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!’ ”

D. In periods of being alone with Jesus Christ

Mark 6:31 (NIV) — 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”



Invitation:

HEAR

Luke 6:47-49 (ESV)

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

BELIEVE

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

James 2:24 (ESV)

²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

REPENT

Acts 17:30 (ESV)

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Acts 26:20 (ESV)

²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.

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CONFESS

Matthew 10:32–33 (ESV)

³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Romans 10:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

BE BAPTIZED

Romans 6:3–4 (ESV)

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

1 Peter 3:21 (ESV)

²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

REMAIN STEADFAST

Galatians 5:4 (ESV)

⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.